

(Monday, June 28)

Subject: 2021 Upper Snake River and Reservoir Operations Update

Purpose: The purpose of these updates is to provide information regarding Reclamation's operations and basin conditions as the season progresses. The operations outlined in this update are based on the best data available at the time and are subject to change as new information becomes available. For additional information and resources, please visit our website at <https://www.usbr.gov/pn/hydromet/uppersnake/>.

## Highlights

**\*\*\*Releases below Milner Dam will be increased from zero to approximately 750 cubic feet per second (cfs) this afternoon.**

**\*\*\*Milner Dam:** Since April 1<sup>st</sup>, approximately 178,000 acre-feet of storage has been released below Milner for the Salmon Flow Augmentation Program. Beginning today, an additional 17,300 acre-feet will be delivered from the Snake River above Milner system at a rate of approximately 750 cfs. At this delivery rate, the release of the additional volume is expected to extend through July 9<sup>th</sup> or July 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Upper Snake Plain:** The table copied below provides a historical comparison of water year to date precipitation at select [AgriMet stations](#) in the watershed.

Water Year Cumulative Precipitation Rankings (1992-2021)							
October 1 - June 27							
Kimberly Agrimet		Rupert Agrimet		Aberdeen Agrimet		Rexburg Agrimet	
Year	Value (Inches)	Year	Value (Inches)	Year	Value (Inches)	Year	Value (Inches)
2021	4.31	2021	4.09	2021	2.89	1994	4.49
1992	4.45	2001	4.23	1992	3.20	2001	6.01
2001	5.48	1992	4.30	2002	3.59	2012	6.42
2020	6.11	2004	4.42	2013	4.08	1992	6.45
2000	6.49	1994	4.63	2000	4.16	1996	6.49
1994	6.52	2000	4.82	1994	4.20	2003	6.79
2004	6.57	2002	4.85	2003	4.21	2021	6.93
2013	6.74	2008	5.06	2008	4.23	2000	6.97
2002	6.81	2013	5.44	2001	4.32	2014	7.07
2014	6.90	2020	5.55	2014	4.36	2004	7.45
2007	6.91	2018	6.22	2012	4.70	2013	7.53
2003	6.92	2007	6.23	2020	4.75	2002	7.58
2008	6.99	2003	6.30	2015	5.20	2007	7.71
2015	7.96	2015	6.57	2007	5.29	2010	7.77
2012	8.06	2014	7.10	2010	5.31	1997	7.82
2010	8.78	1993	7.48	2018	5.47	2015	7.85
1999	9.00	1999	8.86	2004	5.56	2016	8.82
1996	11.08	2016	8.94	1996	6.54	2020	9.60
2016	11.09	2012	9.07	2011	6.72	2008	9.70
2009	11.17	1996	9.19	2019	6.93	2019	10.31
2019	11.19	1997	9.31	2016	7.96	1998	10.49
1993	11.28	2010	9.52	1999	8.90	2006	10.83
2018	11.78	1998	9.82	2005	9.04	1993	11.41
2011	11.81	2009	10.14	1998	9.05	1999	11.44
2017	11.92	2019	10.67	1997	9.06	2005	11.75
1998	12.19	1995	11.38	2006	9.06	2009	12.17
1997	12.26	2006	11.43	2009	9.82	2011	12.67
2006	12.45	2017	11.98	1993	10.10	2017	13.02
2005	12.66	2011	12.13	2017	12.08	2018	14.01
1995	15.48	2005	12.92	1995	13.70	1995	14.30

Associated Links

[Kimberly AgriMet](#)  
[Rupert AgriMet](#)  
[Aberdeen AgriMet](#)  
[Rexburg AgriMet](#)

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Reservoir levels, reservoir discharge, and river flows can be monitored on the USBR Hydromet page here:  
<https://www.usbr.gov/pn/hydromet/>

The Upper Snake “teacup” diagram which provides a graphical overview of system conditions can be accessed here: <https://www.usbr.gov/pn/hydromet/burtea.html>